

Swedish Newspaper Discusses CIAStockholms Tidningen, 2 Jun 65

The greater portion of this "Utlands Spegeln" ["The Foreign Mirror," a section of the newspaper] deals with the American intelligence service (CIA), which pays spies and arranges revolutions around the world. This page deals with CIA in Sweden -- the central page describes CIA as an organization and its activity in the regions of the world which are not as calm as our country.

The US espionage organization, CIA, naturally has its own agents in Sweden -- although not too many are sent. CIA has no great difficulties operating in Sweden. (Do we have military secrets from the US?)

Who the CIA men in Sweden are, is of course strictly secret. But we have one man in Sweden who probably knows CIA's activity better than most. At the same time, he is a "victim" of its activity.

He is the US Ambassador in Stockholm since 1961, J. (James) Graham Parsons, 58 years of age.

J. Graham Parsons is a career diplomat who slowly climbed upwards via Havana, Mukden, Ottawa (where he met his present wife), Washington, The Vatican, New Delhi, Washington again and Tokyo (Embassy counselor with a title of Minister) to his first embassy post in Laos in 1956.

For a 39-year old ambitious Far East expert there was much to do. There was chaos in Laos as usual. Laos had just recently become an independent state after having been a good half century under France and eight earlier centuries under Siam (presently Thailand).

The Korean War was not remote, Dien Bien Phu was entirely "fresh." From the north and the east (China and North Vietnam) weapons and instructors streamed into the country to support the Communists. From the south, American weapons and dollars flowed -- corresponding to about 1.5 billion crowns per year. Ambassador J. Graham Parsons participated in the distribution of the money.

Deep Blue

The Americans, true to form, backed the "deep blue" General Phoumi Nosavan, who was a cousin to the Prime Minister of Thailand, Marshal Sarit Thanarat. (Thailand finds itself in a firm American grip at the present time.)

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